

TELEPHONIC COURT APPEARANCES

Telephonic appearances at court hearings are permitted in certain circumstances. Prior approval must be obtained from the judge. **Each judge has adopted procedures for telephonic appearances.**

Under no circumstances may any participant record or broadcast the proceedings conducted in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.

A written request must be made to the chambers of the judge assigned to the case:

Chief Judge Bernstein	(212) 668-2304
Judge Lifland	(212) 668-5663
Judge Beatty	(212) 668-5637
Judge Gerber	(212) 668-5660
Judge Gonzalez	(212) 668-2894
Judge Gropper	(212) 668-5629
Judge Drain	(212) 668-2301
Judge Peck	(212) 668-5632
Judge Hardin (White Plains)	(914) 390-4155
Judge Morris (Poughkeepsie)	(845) 452-4200 ext. 4509

A list of the teleconference call companies is posted on our website; however, with the judge's approval you may use a company not listed. Conference call companies charge a fee for the service and it is the responsibility of counsel to be aware of teleconference call company's services, procedures and fees.

When making reservations for a teleconference hearing with a judge, the following information must be provided:

- a. Case Name and Number
- b. Name of Judge
- c. Hearing date and time
- d. Parties, address, phone number of participant/attorney
- e. Parties whom participant represents
- f. Particular pleading submitted by the participant, and matter on which participant wishes to be heard; or whether the participant intends to monitor the proceeding in "listen-only" mode.

The hearing may initially be in a listening mode until your case is called. Once your call is connected to the courtroom, the judge will call the case, request appearances and direct the manner in which the hearing will proceed.

To ensure the quality of the record, the use of car phones, cellular phones, digital speaker phones, or any phones in public places is prohibited.

Each time you speak, you must identify yourself for the record. If an individual schedules a telephonic appearance and then fails to respond to the calendar call, the court may pass the matter or may treat the failure to respond as a failure to appear. Individuals making use of the conference call service are cautioned that they do so at their own risk.

FEES

The fee for telephonic appearance is fixed by the selected conference call service. The requesting party is responsible for negotiating the fees with the company. The conference call company will bill the counsel who contracts the service, not the court. The court is not responsible for any fees connected with a teleconference hearing.